

CRANBERRIES

Massachusetts cranberry production in 1999 was 1.88 million barrels, unchanged from the previous year's output, placing Massachusetts second in overall cranberry production. Wisconsin produced 52 percent of the nation's cranberries in 1999, while Massachusetts produced 29 percent of the total crop, which is a five percentage point drop from 1998.



Acreage in Massachusetts increased by 400 acres from 1998 to 14,800 in 1999. A mild winter resulted in little winter damage and very few insect and disease problems were reported. When the 1999 harvest season came to a close the crop was rated in good to excellent condition. Bog yields decreased from 1998 by 3 percent to 126.7 barrels per acre. As in the previous two years, prices continued to decline in 1999. The preliminary value of the 1999 crop was placed at \$30.2 million, averaging only \$16.10 per barrel; the lowest since 1976.

CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, 1990 - 1999

STATE & YEAR	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization			Utilized Price per Barrel ^{2/}	Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	For Fresh Market	For Processing	Shrinkage ^{1/}		
	Acres	Barrels	1,000 Barrels ^{3/}					Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Maine ^{4/}									
1998	70	45.70	3.20	3.10	0.70	2.40	—	55.00	171.0
1999	130	24.10	3.14	3.14	0.27	2.87	—	30.00	94.2
Massachusetts									
1990	12,400	106.3	1,318	1,318	78	1,240	0	47.60	62,737
1991	12,700	155.6	1,976	1,976	75	1,869	32	49.80	98,405
1992	13,200	143.0	1,887	1,887	100	1,757	30	53.60	101,143
1993	13,100	143.5	1,880	1,880	92	1,753	35	51.80	97,384
1994	13,500	144.6	1,952	1,952	99	1,831	22	50.60	98,771
1995	14,100	112.9	1,592	1,592	97	1,472	23	54.30	86,446
1996	14,200	121.3	1,722	1,722	70	1,628	24	70.90	122,090
1997	14,600	143.8	2,100	2,100	93	1,946	61	66.20	139,020
1998	14,400	130.2	1,875	1,875	91	1,752	32	37.30	69,938
1999	14,800	126.7	1,875	1,875	138	1,737	0	16.10	30,188

^{1/} Cranberries paid for by processors and lost because of dehydration and berry breakdown after delivery.

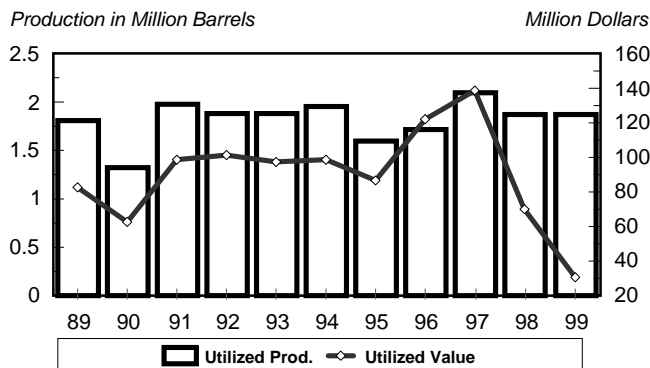
^{2/} Equivalent returns at first delivery point, screened basis of utilized production. Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds excluding returns from non-cranberry products and before any deductions for capital stock and other retains.

^{3/} Standard weight used for one barrel of cranberries is 100 pounds

^{4/} Source of Maine Cranberries: Cranberry Associate, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, 207-581-2940

Cranberry Utilized Production & Value

Massachusetts, 1989-1999



US Cranberry Utilized Production, 1999

Percent by State

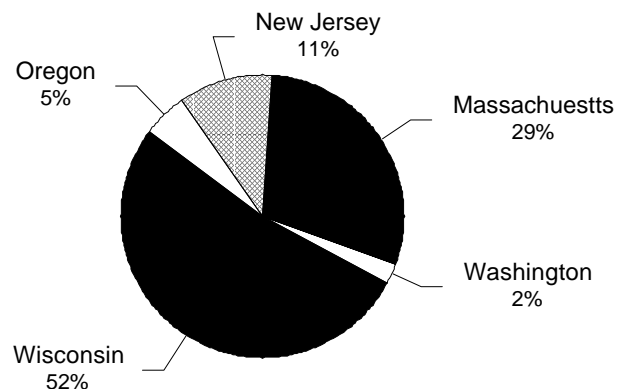


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